



Building Designers
Association Victoria

BDAV AGM 2008

Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting
of The Building Designers Association of Victoria
held on Monday, 6 October 2008
at Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Melbourne

CHAIRMAN:

David Mulhall, BDAV President

ATTENDANCE:

102 Members, as per Attendance Register
Brian Morison, Giselle Grynbaum,
Assignments Australasia Pty Ltd
David McCleary, Michael O'Keefe
Architectural Window Systems
Damien Boyer, James Hardie
Ross Doonan, Decorative Imaging

Apologies: As per Apologies Register

1. OPENING

In declaring the meeting open at 6.12 pm, the Chairman welcomed all in attendance, especially Life Members and Fellows of the Association who were present. He also acknowledged the BDAV's sponsors, and introduced the members of the BDAV's Committee of Management.

2. SPONSORS PRESENTATIONS

The meeting then received presentations from two sponsors of the evening: James Hardie Australia, whose representative, Damien Boyer, presented an update on their Scyon product range, and Decorative Imaging, whose representative, Ross Doonan explained their powder coating and photo-imaging services.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 8 October 2007, which had been circulated to the members on the membership register at that time, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Clive Smith

Seconded: Robert McLauchlan

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President, Mr David Mulhall, presented his annual report (*transcript attached*).

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The President advised that the Treasurer, Mr Darren Cole-Sinclair, had recently resigned from the Committee of Management, as he was establishing a branch of his business in Abu Dhabi, so he invited the Vice-President, Mr Darryl Crumpton, to present the annual financial report (*transcript attached*).

6. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman declared that the following members (listed below) had satisfied the requirements of the BDAV's voluntary Professional Development Program, namely, having achieved a minimum of 60 CPD points in the preceding three years. Certificates were presented to those members who were present.

Tim Adams
Kane Airey
Darren Cole-Sinclair
Peter Condos
Darryl Crumpton
Mario Di Natale
Peter Dowling
Neil Fletcher
Helen Geddes
Paula Hanley
Geoffrey Hoare
Roy Hodgson
Ingrid Hornung
Dominique Hunter
Peter Jackson

Anthony Jones
Trevor Jones
Lawrence Li
Colin Mellett
Michael Mettes
David Mulhall
Kevin Murphy
Zol Nagy
Graham Paulin
Andreas Sederof
Kevin Slater
Colin Stanley
Andrew Stone
Malcolm Trompf

7. BUILDING PRACTITIONERS BOARD

Mr Geoff Hoare presented an update on Building Practitioners Board activities, noting that amendments to the Building Act are currently under way. Under the proposed new Act, the BPB will have increased powers. Work was also being done on a national building code, which may replace the BCA. There was also work being done on a national trade licensing process. The BPB was also reviewing its documentation, and also looking at an online registration renewal process. He also advised that the Board had completed 52 inquiries this year, with 89 yet to be heard. Five registered draftspersons had come to the attention of the Board. He also reported that the Building Commission had advised that there appears to be a slowing down of building approvals.

In terms of statistics, at the last Board meeting, there were 22,613 registered building practitioners in Victoria, of which 2,154 were in the Draftspersons categories (1,836 Architectural Draftspersons; 143 Interior; 175 Services).

The President thanked Geoff for his tireless representation of the industry on the Building Practitioners Board.

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8. NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The President invited the BDAV's Executive Officer, Mr Brian Morison, to declare the results of nominations to the BDAV's Committee of Management. Mr Morison reported that the number of nominations received had not exceeded the number of positions available, so there had been no need for an election. He advised that the Committee for 2008-2010 will comprise: (*in alphabetical order*)

- Tim Adams
- Darryl Crumpton (President)
- Paula Hanley
- Geoffrey Hoare
- Dominique Hunter
- David Mulhall (Immediate Past President)
- Zol Nagy
- Michael O'Sullivan
- Ian Williamson

Those Members were congratulated on their nomination.

Mr Darryl Crumpton then expressed thanks,

on behalf of all members, to Mr David Mulhall for his excellent work as BDAV President over the past two years, and also thanked Mr Roy Hodgson for his participation on the Committee for 13 of the past 14 years.

9. DESIGNER PROFILE

The President then invited Mr Michael O'Sullivan, of Vibe Design Group, the winner of the 2008 BDAV Building Design of the Year, to present a profile on his winning project.

10. GUEST SPEAKER

The President then introduced two speakers from Architectural Window Systems – Mr David McCleary and Mr Michael O'Keefe – who presented a very informative overview on Australian window and door systems design.

11. CLOSE OF FORMALITIES

The President then thanked everybody for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm, inviting everybody to partake of refreshments at the venue.

BDAV AGM 2008 – PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Due to our busy schedule this evening, like last year, I plan to give a condensed report of this year's BDAV's activities, and provide a full report to be published in next month's BDAV News.

Over the past year the Association has continued to provide membership benefits, continued to grow in overall membership, and strived to achieve a higher profile for building designers to consumers and government.

I am very pleased to report that the Association now has a very solid foundation. However, and most importantly, we continue to grow our membership base and we continue to review and further develop membership services and benefits.

In terms of membership growth, as at the end of last month we had 1,100 current members, and new members continue to join each week. Continued membership growth is crucial to ensure the longevity of the Association, and I ask all members to encourage their colleagues or employees to become a member of the BDAV.

The corporate world continues to see the value of supporting the BDAV. Our corporate partners, particularly our diamond sponsor, BlueScope Steel, continues to make an important contribution to the success of the Association.

New partnerships were formed with Fletcher Insulation and KarelCAD, and we look forward to retaining their long term involvement, and I do thank all our corporate partners for their continued support.

This year we held our 13th, and most successful, Building Design Awards. The Awards continue to evolve, and I was delighted to see our members' entries showcased at Federation Square.

This was a 'watershed' moment for the Association and for building designers. The Federation Square exhibit exposed our profession to the community, and to consumers, like never before. I was very pleased at the new-look entry displays which had

standardised entrants' display boards, bringing a new level of professionalism to the Awards display.

I, again, congratulate all winners, and entrants, for their commitment to the Awards, and look forward to further advancements in the level of exposure of the awards in the future.

The BDAV's Continuing Professional Development program continues to be well supported, and highly acclaimed.

Indeed, a highlight for the Association was the accolade of winning the 'Education Provider' Award at the Building Commission's annual CPD Awards. This was fitting testament to the hard work that goes into co-ordinating our CPD Program for you, and recognition of the strong support that we receive for our CPD activities generally.

Our relationship with Government has continued to develop and strengthen. The Association has continued our activities in lobbying government on behalf of the membership and the industry and, this year, we engaged a lobbyist to help to open doors for us with the key government identities with whom we are keen to interact.

The BDAV continues to be highly-regarded within the various industry forums that impact the design process, and we continue to be invited to represent the design profession at key industry forums and committees.

I wish to thank Tim Adams who represented the Association at the first 'Sustainable Buildings Roundtable'. Further, I wish to thank Roy Hodgson, Sean Hamilton, and Geoff Hoare for their assistance to the TAFE Steering Committee that has been reviewing the Building Design course.

Past President and Fellow of the BDAV, Geoff Hoare, continues to represent all draftspersons on the Building Practitioners Board. Geoff now also spends a significant amount of time participating at Board inquiries, and has reported to the Association that designers are coming under more scrutiny lately due to poor documentation.



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It is vital that we all review our project documentation, and ensure that it is fit for purpose, and unambiguous. Importantly, it is imperative that you check any documentation prepared by your staff before it leaves your office, to avoid any investigations being carried into potential lack of competency, as this brings not only your firm – but also our profession – into ill repute.

One initiative that we introduced last year that I am pleased to report on, is the BDAV Insurance Scheme. The Scheme, in conjunction with Steeves Agnew Underwriting Agency, has been an unqualified success.

There have only been five notifications of claims, three of which are still to be determined and, more importantly, there have been no payments made arising from any of the claims.

Our monthly journal, BDAV News, continues to improve, and I would like thank the editorial committee, Tim Adams, Roy Hodgson, Paula Hanley and our editor Giselle Grynbaum, for their continued diligence.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support and assistance that I have received from the BDAV's Committee of Management and the Executive Officer team during my Presidency. I have been fortunate to be a part of a committed and passionate Committee, and I would like to thank them all, for their tireless efforts.

I also take this opportunity to thank our Immediate Past President, Roy Hodgson, for his involvement and commitment to the Association during 13 of the past 14 years on the Committee.

I leave the leadership in good hands, with Darryl Crumpton stepping into the Presidency, and I extend to him my wholehearted support and assistance.

I also thank all the members I have met over the past two years, and know you, too, will support the new management team, under Darryl's rein.

Thank you.
David Mulhall

BDAV AGM 2008 – FINANCIAL REPORT

As our Treasurer is overseas, I will present the annual financial report on his behalf.

I would firstly like to thank all of our sponsors. Our Diamond Sponsor – Bluescope Steel – plus our other major sponsors : Architectural Window Systems, Hyne, Tilling Timber, James Hardie, Fletcher Insulation and KarelCAD. Without these sponsors, we would find it difficult to provide the member services that the BDAV provides, especially in this current time of financial uncertainty. Our sponsors feel the pressures of financial trends the same as we do, so it is tremendous that they can see a mutual benefit in continuing to sponsor our Association, so please, if and when you are specifying products, consider our sponsors.

The Association has again this year tried to keep membership fees and seminar fees to a minimum, and will continue to do so. Our membership fees are the lowest of any other state BDA across the nation. This year, we introduced a Loyalty Discount, recognising long-serving members, so if you have been a member for 10 years up to 15 years, you will have received a 10% discount off your subscription fee; 15 or more years: a 15% discount. We take this opportunity to thank those long-serving members for their continued support to the BDAV over the past 25 years.

We understand the burden of supporting any Continuing Professional Development program, and we will continue to make it affordable for members to participate. Again, our CPD Program is considerably cheaper than many other Associations – we have never treated this as an income stream; merely an endeavour to cover direct costs that we incur in running the Program. The Association continues to provide an excellent program of events for both metropolitan and regional members. It is a highly regarded CPD service, and the continued support by our members shows this.

Our Building Design Awards again proved to be successful, and we would like to thank the

sponsors for their contribution to this event. The new location of the displays this year – at Federation Square – created a lot of interest with the public. The Association also provided monetary prizes in the student category, for first, second and third place winners.

In addition, this year we are introducing a Student Scholarship program in consultation with the TAFEs, as it is vital that we encourage young people to continue in our profession.

The Association also promoted its own Professional Indemnity insurance scheme, which a considerable number of our members have taken advantage of, and we would encourage all members to consider our scheme, as it does provide additional benefits and lower excesses that some other providers can add to your policy for additional fees.

The accounts have been audited once again by the accounting firm of Clements, Dunne & Bell, and been found to be in good order.

This has been a difficult year, with rising interest rates and the world's financial climate, so it is pleasing to acknowledge that the Association has recorded a pre-tax profit of \$92,896, which is a testament to the BDAV's prudent financial management.

Please remember that the Association is there for the members, and you get out of it what you put in, so support us and promote us. In the end you, the members, will reap the rewards.

The Committee of Management would like to thank Giselle, Brian, and their staff – Lisa, Zehra, and Daryl (not me) – for the tireless efforts that they contribute to the Association in maintaining the solid financial position.

The Committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank Darren Cole-Sinclair for his efforts over the last two years as chair of the finance committee, and wish him well in Dubai.

Darryl Crumpton



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